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Dear Nick

### **TOTAL TIDE**

The Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) has recently undertaken an extensive period of evaluation of the UK Hydrographic Office's (UKHO) digital tide computation program – TOTAL TIDE. This evaluation exercise subsequently resulted in UKHO making a number of minor modifications to enhance the user interface.

I am now pleased to advise that the MCA recognise this product as satisfying the carriage requirement for tide tables under the current Merchant Shipping (Carriage of Nautical Publications) Regulations 1998.

These Regulations, however, are due to be revoked on 1 July 2002 with the entry into force of the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulation 2002. The latter Regulations will give legal effect to the revised Chapter V of the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention and MCA recognition for TOTAL TIDE will automatically carry over to the new Regulations, which impose a similar carriage requirement to the current Regulations.

I trust that you are content with this arrangement.

Yours sincerely

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